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JOB PRINTING.

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THE NEW GOVERNOR AND HIS PATRONAGE.

With the approaching advent of a New Governor, the inhabitants of Victoria are naturally somewhat on the edge of expectation as to what will be the line of policy pursued by His Excellency. There are many subjects which will specially invite the attention of a man of experience in colonial affairs. There can be no doubt that the present is a turning point in the history of this colony, and if the government of the colony is well and judiciously administered during the next few years our position will be firmly established, while on the other hand, any faltering policy, any mistaken councils at the present moment may check the rise and progress of the colony materially. When a stranger comes into a country to assume the supreme post in it, very much must naturally depend upon the advice and counsel which he receives on his first appearance on the scene. First impressions are not easily or rapidly eradicated, and if the individual who administers the government surrounds himself with sound counsellors when he first assumes the reins, the probabilities are in favor of his acting with wisdom, if he be endowed with a fair share of common sense himself. We have not the least doubt of Captain Kennedy's ability, if he is only fortunate enough to take his first impressions from those who are best able and competent to place him in possession of the real requirements of Vancouver Island. It is to be hoped that the desire of paying the attentions due from loyal subjects to the representative of Her Majesty will not lead the people of Victoria into any unwisdom. Any approach to what is vulgarly but very expressively styled "todayism" is so decidedly foreign to the nature of Englishmen that it is not unfrequently happens that the public are led into an opposite extreme and are more disposed to abstain from a free expression of their loyalty on such occasions through the dread of being accused of anything approaching servility. We hope there will be nothing to lead to any misarrangement in the arrangements for the reception of Capt. Kennedy, but it cannot be disputed that there is a feeling amongst many who are marked for places in the programme of the procession, that they have not been consulted, and consequently they seem to be disinclined to take the places assigned to them. This may probably have the effect of showing His Excellency that he is coming to rule over men in whom the spirit of independence is strong and not to be subdued, but we fear he will be disposed to attribute the non-attendance of any particular sections of the procession to want of courtesy to himself, or want of loyalty to the Queen, should the fact of their being absent be made apparent to him.

It is to matters of more importance, however, than the mere ceremonial of the installation that we would call attention. The Governor of Vancouver Island will be called upon shortly after taking up his residence amongst us to communicate with the Home Government upon a subject of the most vital importance to the interests of all of us, inasmuch as it affects the administration of civil and criminal justice in the colony. The public have it before them that there is likely, ere long, to be a vacancy in the highest post in the Island under the Governor. It does not rest with the Governor to appoint the Chief Justice, but if he takes upon himself to recommend the Home Government to appoint any gentleman resident in the colony, or what is more if it becomes necessary that he should appoint any Barrister to act temporarily during the absence of the present Chief Justice, unless there is any strong reason urged against the appointment by some power which will have weight with those in whom the appointment rests at home, there can be very little doubt that the recommendation would be listened to, and the appointment confirmed. Much has been said about the fitness and ability of the members of the bar of Vancouver Island from time to time, and arguments have been put forward for and against the appointment of some one or other from amongst those gentlemen to fill the office of Chief Justice. It is urged, in all colonies, that if promotion does not follow in the colony there is no prospect of getting good men to come there to practice, and on the contrary, it is very forcibly remarked that the minds of those who have been resident for some time in so contracted a sphere as that of a small colony, and who have been more or less mixed up in the advocacy of every cause which has been before the Court, cannot be free from danger of a slight degree of partiality, which must always be fatal to the proper administration of justice. Bearing this in mind, and looking at the other circumstances of our own peculiar case, we cannot conceive it possible that any man of clear judgment and impartial views, could recommend any barrister for the appointment of Chief Justice of this Colony, unless he were thoroughly convinced that he was one who would inspire the respect of the bar and in whom the public would have confidence, not only as a lawyer, but as a man and a gentleman. Beyond this our Chief Justice must be free from all influences which are so easily contracted by residence in a small colony like our own, where each inhabitant is more or less known to his neighbor. It will be for Capt. Kennedy well to consider whether, after a short residence amongst us, he will be able, or if able willing, to take the responsibility of selecting from the bar of the colony, one fitted in every way to fill the office, and on whose appointment the profession generally, as well as the public would hail with satisfaction. If he cannot, his duty is plain, and he must join the Legislative Assembly in asking the Home Government to send out a Chief Justice from England.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

Re James Spur Shaft;
Re Nathan G. Levy;
Re George D. Ironside;
Re John Thompson McQuarrie.

THE ABOVE NAMED BANKRUPTS having severally duly passed their last will and testament, and given that they will on Wednesday next, the twenty-third day of March, instant, apply for their orders of final discharge and certificate.

Dated the sixteenth day of March, 1864.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Artesian Gold Mining Co.,
(Limited).

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS will be held at the Office of the Company, on FRIDAY next, the 18th inst., at 3 p.m.

J. P. CRANFORD,
Secretary.

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EUREKA COPPER MINING CO.

A GENERAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the office of the Company, on FRIDAY next, the 18th inst., at 4 p.m.

By order of the President,
GEORGE BARNETT,
Secretary.

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Rare Opportunity.

Victoria, V. I., March 16th, 1864.

FOR SALE OR TO LEASE.

TEN ACRES OF LAND, WITHIN ONE hour's ride of the city, situated for raising Duchsene Grapes. There is an Orchard of about 100 trees, Dwelling-house, Chicken-house and Stable; two wells of good water, &c., on the place.

For further particulars,
Apply to
T. P. FREEMAN,
Waddington street.

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Union Hook and Ladder Company.

BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, of the Victoria Fire Department, the members of the Union Hook and Ladder Co., are requested to assemble at the Truck House in FULL UNIFORM to participate in the ceremony of receiving His Excellency CAPT. ARTHUR KENNEDY, C. B., on his arrival here.

The signal for assembling will be the ringing of the bell at 10 o'clock.

These members not present to answer the roll call, are hereby notified that they will be fined according to the laws of the Company.

H. E. C. WILLOUGHBY,
Secretary, U. H. & L. Co.

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NOTICE.

A MEETING OF THE GENERAL COMMITtee for the reception of Governor Kennedy is called for TO-MORROW, at 3 p.m., the 17th inst., at the Council Chamber.

By order,
J. T. PIDWELL,
Hon. Secretary.

It is particularly requested that the subscribers to the Reception Fund will hand in their contributions to the Treasurer, or to the Bank of British North America.

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Fish Barrels for sale.

300 to 600 BLS. AND HALF BLS. The Finest ever seen on the Island; newly made out of the best well-seasoned pine Staves.

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ON BOTTOMRY.

FOR THE HANOVERIAN BANK.

Aomise,

THE SUM OF \$1500.

For particulars apply at the Office of
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SALE OF.

UNCLAIMED GOODS.

Notice to whom it may Concern.

TEN DAYS AFTER THE DATE HEREIN, all goods, in charge of the undersigned, will be sold at

At Public Auction,

TO DEFRAIT EXPENSES, unless redeemed in the meantime, viz:

10 pkgs Zinc Sheets—meas. 5 feet by 7 feet;

3 pkgs Ventilators;

1 pkg Eaves Gutters;

1 pkg Stack Pipes;

1 pkg Locks, &c., &c.;

1 pkg Lightning Conductors.

The above packages arrived by the East Lothian, in Nov. 1863, and are all marked

"W D"—broad arrow, between

"Royal Eng's, Victoria, Vancouver Is."

EDWARD GREEN,
Wharf street.

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AUCTION.

Saturday, March 19,

J. P. DAVIES & CO.

WILL SELL

AT SALESROOM,

WHARF STREET,

at 11 o'clock.

Brush and Broomware.

Long and Short Brooms.

Hair, Cloth, Hat, Shoe, and Nail Brushes.

STATIONERY.

Gillett's Magnum Bonum, and Davis's Steel Pens.

Note, Letter, Foolscap, and Record Paper.

Portable Writing Desks.

HARDWARE.

Black, Brown, and White Thread, Spool Cotton

Pages, Buttons, and Needles.

ALSO—A splendid line of

Engravings.

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FURNITURE, CROCKERY, ETC.

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OPENING SALE,

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TO BE LET.

A small Cottage on James Bay, near the Government Buildings, with out-houses and excellent well of water. Rent moderate.

—ALSO—

Several other Dwelling Houses in eligible localities.

FOR SALE.

A Corner Lot, (full-sized), on James Bay, with Dwelling House and Gardens, &c. Terms of purchase easy.

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On Government, Store, Johnson, Fort and Vancouver streets.

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Carefully Selected Goods!

—RECENTLY—

IMPORTED FROM ENGLAND.

CLOTHING, DRY GOODS, ETC.,

COATS—Mens Black Cloth Dress, Piccadilly and Kensington Walking Scotch Tweed Sac.

TROUSERS—Mens Black Cloth Dress, Scotch Tweed, Bedford, &c., &c.

VESTS—Mens Black Cloth Dress, Tweed, Melton, &c., &c.

SUITS—Mens, in Scotch Tweeds, Melton, Oxford mixed, Fancy Angora, &c., &c.

OVERCOATS—Pilot, Whittier, Melton, and Tweed Interiors Capes, Malton, Beaver, Pilot, and 1-wed Cheviot & Overtures.

REEFING JACKETS—Blue, Pilot, D. B. Lind, common and fine.

DRESSING GOWNS—Napoleon, Melton, Cheviot, Angora, &c.

HATS—Mens Felt and Tweed, latest styles

SHIRTS—Mens Felt and Scotch-wool Flannels, Fancy Tweeds, and plain Melton, &c., &c.

MAN, dressed and undressed, common to fine, Printed Khaki, cotton with linen fronts and fittings, with a Dash.

DRAWERS—Mens Shetland Lambwool, Linsey Flannel, Shetland Ribbed Lambwool, &c., various colors.

UNDERSHIRTS—Mens Merino Welsh Flannel, Shetland Ribbed Lambwool, &c., various colors

HOSE—Mens Aberdeen Knit, Lambwool, Scotch, Merino h/ Hose, various colors.

SASSETS AND COMFORTERS—Mens all wool, light heavy.

PLAIDS—Mens Cheviot Mixed Wool Plaids.

SCARFS AND NECKTIES—Black and Fancy Silk Scarfs, Glaid and Fancy Regent, Beaufort and Windsor Ties, Plain and Emb. Dress Ties.

BRACES—Mens latest improved French.

HANDKERCHIEFS—Mens Cambric, Silk, and Cotton.

LADIES Mohair, Coburg, Poplin, Merino, Wissey, Duane, Muslin, &c., Duusses.

Wool, Lace, Trilined, Paisley, etc., Shawls.

Merino, Merino, and Lambwool Hosiery.

Merino and Lambwool Vests and Drawers, Plain and Trimmed Trowsers, Petticoats, Chemises, Night Dresser, Night Gowns, &c.

Cotton Suits and Shawls. Lisle Thread Gloves. Silk Neckties. Skeleton, Plain Cotton and Braided Corsets. Patent Skirts, Garibaldi Jackets. Druggist, Winsley, etc., Patents.

A fashionable assortment of London Dressed Furs.

BLANKETS—Red, White, Blue, and Black, of extra fine quality.

SHEETING—Brown and Bleached Cotton and Linen.

FLANNEL—Canton and Fancy.

CLOTH—Black, Blue, Oxford, Venetian, French Ducking, Wooded, Black Cloth, Large Voice of Fancy Trowersings and Coatings.

DAMASK—8-4 Linen Damask and Linen Damask Spot, 6-4 and 6-4 to 10-4 Linen Damask Spot, 8-4 and 10-4 Linen Damask Star, Fly, Diamond 10-4 and 12-4 to 10-4 Double Linen Damask, 6-4 to 10-4 Linen Damask, 6-4 to 8-4 and 10-4 Cotton Damask Covers, 6-4 Damask Victoria Covers.

